

**North Beach area state parks
Stage Two
Issues from public workshop**

June 8, 2009

In stage one the community and customers helped us identify issues and concerns related to the state parks. During stage two, the planning team offers an alternatives report. The report suggests alternative approaches to address the issues and concerns identified in stage one. No preferred alternative is established; rather this is an opportunity to understand the range of possibilities.

These comments are from the public workshop on May 27, 2009. Verbatim comments are in column one. Column two lists the related issue and page number in the report. Questions that could be answered on a factual basis were answered at the workshop.

Additional comments received before June 15 will be shared with the planning team as it considers a preliminary recommendation. If you feel that your comment was misunderstood, please send me a follow-up correspondence or call.

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Verbatim Comments	Main Issue (page number in alternatives report)
<p>Boat launch at Copalis River at the entrance to Benner Road across from Green Lantern. Possible site at old parking lot across from Johnson Mercantile.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Acquire the Ghost Forest property. • Transit style transport for beach access. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide access to the Copalis River (p. 22) • Protection of natural plant and animal communities (p. 20) • Update of the North Beach Recreation Management Plan for the Ocean Beaches (p. 27)
<p>Beach Driving – Close the Seashore Conservation Area to beach driving from the mouth of Connor Creek north to the mouth of the Copalis River. Griffiths-Priday park and the seashore area should be considered a natural preserve with no vehicle traffic at all. Close the seashore area from Ocean City 2nd Ave beach approach to the mouth of Connor Creek year-round, except during clam tides [and] only open during state sanctioned clam digging tides. Currently is closed April 14 to Labor Day.</p> <p>Add identical [identical to Heath road bridge] wooden foot traffic bridge at Benner Road next to Griffiths-Priday park.</p> <p>Add VIC [visitor information center] and interpretive center at Griffiths-Priday. Staff as VIC April through September. Grays Harbor County could partner with Washington State Parks, NOAA, Olympic Coast National Marine Sanctuary. A combination VIC and interpretive center with multiple partnerships to share the cost.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update of the North Beach Recreation Management Plan for the Ocean Beaches (p. 27) • Protection of natural plant and animal communities (p. 25) • Pedestrian bridge at Benner Road (p. 21) • Future recreational development (p. 21)
<p>I support the alternative with the larger long-term boundary at Ocean City State Park</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Protection of natural plant and animal communities (p. 17)
<p>Bathrooms</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ocean City – bill county for cleaning. 2. Ocean Shores at Shilo – bill county for cleaning 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improvements to existing Cocean Beach Access (OBA) sites (p. 26)

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Reinstate the day-use fee.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Park fees (new issue)
Beach Driving – Have a “one strike and your out” for people who violate laws (speed, doughnuts, littering, etc.). Confiscate their vehicles.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update of the North Beach Recreation Management Plan for the Ocean Beaches (p. 27)
Beach Driving – Dangerous for children and adults walking on beach.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update of the North Beach Recreation Management Plan for the Ocean Beaches (p. 27)
Expanding Damon Point – to obtain public access to beach between Damon Point and Oyehut Wildlife Refuge, who do you acquire the right to do this from? Private owned tidelands? Is access required by Seashore Conservation area designation? Conflicts?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continuing public access to Damon Point (p. 15)
Purchase the property across the street and north to Hogans Corner for trails and camping.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Protection of natural plant and animal communities (p. 17)
Ban Beach Driving – Model Oregon’s approach to beach driving. Too much trash and damage to dunes and wildlife. Provide for licensed vehicles to haul handicapped people on the beach.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update of the North Beach Recreation Management Plan for the Ocean Beaches (p. 27)
Ghost Forest – Provide a human powered boat launch and purchase the Ghost Forest for preservation and education.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide access to the Copalis River (p. 22) • Protection of natural plant and animal communities (p. 20)

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Beach Trash – Is Washington State Parks or Ocean Shores responsible for posting more signage concerning “pack it out”? Use public service announcements to remind people about their responsibility of keeping our beaches pristine.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update of the North Beach Recreation Management Plan for the Ocean Beaches (p. 27)
<p>Horse riding opportunities on state parks. Is it to be assumed that an area to park and ride is “open unless posted closed”? If open, signage needed – “clean up after yourself”</p> <p>Griffiths-Priday – Currently parking at Green Lantern or across on private property. Need more room. Only real “horse friendly” park.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update of the North Beach Recreation Management Plan for the Ocean Beaches (p. 27) • Future recreational development (p. 21)
Beach access for all of us – There needs to be access to the beach for all of us. If the beaches re closed to driving – there needs to be right of ways every block or two with parking along the right of ways. I think it would be best to keep the beach open to driving and parking.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update of the North Beach Recreation Management Plan for the Ocean Beaches (p. 27)
Damon Point – Option 1 [no increase of long-term boundary] or consider returning to City of Ocean Shores	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continuing public access to Damon Point (p. 15)
Griffith-Priday - #1 south and #2 north	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Protection of natural plant and animal communities (p. 20)
<p>Griffith-Priday</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ghost Forest – Good Show! 2. Continue expansion discussion 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Protection of natural plant and animal communities (p. 20)
Copalis Airport – I don not like that it moved a lot more north.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Copalis Airport (p. 26)
Placer mining – I am concerned about this test program. What is the future?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Beach mining (p. 25)

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Beach driving – Find a good compromise about motorized vehicles on the beach.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Update of the North Beach Recreation Management Plan for the Ocean Beaches (p. 27)
Describe marine sanctuaries. When is a sanctuary no longer a sanctuary? Cars? Airplanes? Mining?	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Update of the North Beach Recreation Management Plan for the Ocean Beaches (p. 27)